

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you about the Manomet study. First of all I want to thank all of you for taking the time to do this study. I realize this is not a simple nor single issue; there are many connecting factors and levels that interrelate. I especially want to thank Mr. P.... At the meeting in Holyoke, MA on August, 00, 2010 you appeared to be genuinely concerned.

I say this with hesitation because I have been very attentive and involved with the proposed biomass plant in Russell MA. I will be honest with you; I am an opponent and have grave concerns about many things. First of all at a recent town meeting in Russell the Planning board addressed the Manomet study to the biomass developer. Peter Bos one of the developers responded that this study did not affect their plans at all and it really wasn't referring to them and that their plant is still going through. He continued with (these are not his exact words but were my sense, feelings and interpretation of what was said) that the Manomet study was done just because of the 100,000+ signatures collected by "Stop Spewing Carbon" for the November ballot and Ian Bowles letter/statement was just a way to appease them but really was not going to make a difference in what was going to be done. Things would move forward as usual. He assured our Planning Board this study was not going to stop his plant. Again this was my interpretation of what was being said and I HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE. I HOPE IAN BOWLES LETTER WILL BE ENFORCED.

As the population continues to increase so do our needs, wants and demands. Because of this our planet appears to be in crisis mode. Many times we do things, think we have done enough studies, only to find out later that the results were incorrect or not enough testing was done. This usually shows things are worse off than once thought and it is now too late, things have already happened. Preventive medicine is the best. It is easier and better to prevent a catastrophe than trying to fix the problem after the fact, for example the BP spill. A study and plan A-Z should already have been tested and in place before the project began but obviously BP did not.

Presently it may appear to some that there are plenty of forests to fuel biomass plants. I beg to differ. If all these wood burning biomass plants are built statewide, nationwide, and worldwide, what is the future of our forests? Forests are already stressed due to disease, air pollution, unregulated cutting and construction and development. It takes up to 75 years for a hard wood tree to mature. We are assuming these trees will re-grow but with the continual increase of air pollution, climate change and global warming, these conditions may not promote continual growth. Everyone knows the value of trees in absorbing the carbon dioxide from the air and producing the oxygen we need to breathe. With the continual increase of air pollution presently, we need all the trees now more than ever.

Please do not sacrifice any trees in the name of renewable energy which is a front and cover for the greed and power of the Forest Industries and Biomass Industries. They will make their quick millions and won't live long enough to see if the forests really will recover. Wood burning biomass plants are polluters; they are not "green Energy". PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE WOOD BURNING BIOMASS PLANTS AS PART OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND RECEIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS AND SUBSIDIES.

As a tax payer I am asking you to stop spending our money on renewable energy credits and incentives to these dirty polluters.

With this in mind I also am asking you to stop all biomass plants that are already running, stop all biomass plants that are in the process of being approved, and to prevent any future plants from being permitted.

Thank you,

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